NOTE XXIII.

ON TWO NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS STOPAROLA FROM CELEBES

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Among the specimens of *Stoparola* in the Leyden Museum there are four from Celebes which prove to belong to two distinct and hitherto undescribed species.

1. *Stoparola septentrionalis*, n. sp.

This species might, with regard to its color, the best be compared with the Indian *St. melanops*, but the inner web of the tail-feathers is black from above instead of blue, and the size is much smaller.

General color above bluish green with more or less distinct verditer-blue edgings to the feathers on back and rump; quills black, all but the two outermost primaries distinctly edged with greenish blue on the basal half of the outer web, outer secondaries broadly edged with bluish green, inner entirely bluish green on the outer web, wing-coverts of the same color as the back; tail black above and below, with the outer webs of tail-feathers bluish green like the back, this color being predominent on both webs of the innermost pair, leaving only a shaft-streak pure black. A broad loral streak, reaching in a narrow angle to the fore-head, pure black, fore-head and a narrow streak reaching over the eye verditer-green with a silvery gloss, sides of head dark bluish green, spotted with verditer, chin, throat, chest, breast and flanks with broad, silvery verditer-blue edgings, giving these parts a more

or less scaly appearance, feathers on centre of breast broadly edged and tipped with white, abdomen, vent and under tail-coverts nearly pure white, especially in the specimen which is said to be a female; thighs black, feathers tipped with white near the heel; edge of wing verditer-blue, under wing-coverts pure white with some black shaft-streaks, inner web of quills edged with dingy white, bill and feet black. Wing 6,8 cm., tail 5, tarsus 1,6, culmen 1,2.

Hab. North Celebes.

This species is represented by two specimens. The first is a female, collected by von Rosenberg in 1864 at Tondano, N° 511 of his Catalogue, which contains the following remarks about this bird: »frequently seen in brushwood and low trees, living upon insects. Iris brown, bill black, feet blue".

The second representative of this species is an unsexed specimen, collected by van Duyvenbode, 1866, in the District of Menado.

2. *Stoparola meridionalis*, n. sp.

Similar in color to its above described northern representative, but very much larger and stronger. Wing 8 cm., tail 6, tarsus 1,7, culmen 1,5.

Hab. South Celebes.

Two specimens (unsexed), collected by Teysmann in the District of Macassar, in 1878.

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